

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2012

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman
Frank Giustino, Commissioner

Absent

Public Works Representative
Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison
Anthony Giannattasio, Aldermanic Liaison
Julie Nash, Commissioner
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner

Also Present

Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **April 4, 2012** at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on March 7, 2012.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the March 7, 2012 minutes as read. Commissioner Frank Giustino seconds **Motion**. **Motion** unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

None

III. Correspondence

1. Director Piscitelli received an e-mail from Eamteong Chay regarding the three (3) improvements she would like to see at Hazelwood playground. Her concerns are the prickles on the playground surface, the rusty chains on the swings and the steepness of the slides. Piscitelli advises that it does need resurfacing and new chains, and Public Works will be contacted to repair. Regarding the third item, the slide, it will be investigated. This playground was updated 2003 with new equipment and there are other playgrounds in the City that needs to be updated that will receive additional equipment before Hazelwood does. If items stored in Public Works still conform to the CPSCS regulations these may be installed.
2. Walnut Beach Association – Piscitelli advised they have requested to hang a banner on the Pavilion at Walnut Beach. Piscitelli has no objection to this as this was done last year and promotes the area. Photo of banner is provided. The hooks are already installed.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to approve to hang the banner from the time period indicated. Commissioner Frank Giustino seconds **Motion**. **Motion** unanimously carried.

IV. Director's Report

1. **East Coast Craft Shows** – Director Piscitelli advised there is a commitment to run the show on the Green May 12 and 13. All the appropriate sign-offs have been obtained and a deposit of \$1,000 has been submitted. The balance, as per the Ordinance, will be submitted once the number of vendors has been determined. Discussion followed regarding Denise Curt's concerns.
2. **Budget Process** – The Parks and Beach Commission and Recreation Department budget will go before the Board of Alderman on Monday, April 9. The Finance Board did not make any additional cuts to the Mayor's proposed budget.
3. **Computerized Registration System** - Director Piscitelli spoke with the Mayor and within the next week or two will put the final touches on the proposal. Funding is in place and is expected to be up and running by late summer or early fall.

V. Commissioner Reports

1. **Golf Course Committee** – Chairman Worroll advised that the Golf Course opened March 9. Extended an invitation to a grand opening on April 14 to introduce the new management company and the new hardware.
2. **Walnut Beach Enhancement** – Chairman Worroll advised there are some outstanding items to be addressed such as striping the parking lot and working on the crossovers. Worroll also advised he received a report from Public Works regarding the Casey Pavilion. The Casey Pavilion will be receiving FEMA money and once the City puts a line item in the budget work will start on the items that need to be repaired. Emergency call boxes will be installed at Silver Sands Beach. This will be on State property and on either end, and is being paid for by the DEEP. The 911 call will go directly to the Fire Department.
3. **Bench Dedication Program** – Vice Chairman Ann Fabian advised she did not have an update. She will call Ed Cronan to coordinate the first bench on Walnut Beach and get back to Director Piscitelli. Discussion followed regarding the process, marketing and press release.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

1. **Yale New Haven Hospital "Closer to Free" Sign Request** - Director Piscitelli received a sign application from Yale New Haven Hospital, for the bike ride fundraiser "Closer to Free" benefiting Smilow Cancer Hospital. Referring to Item 5 on page four of the application states, "Applicants must represent a civic or non-profit organization located in Milford." This fundraiser benefits Yale/Smilow Hospitals and neither of the applicants or the actual event takes place in Milford or directly benefits a Milford civic or non-profit organization. However, it indirectly benefits thousands of residents of our community. Piscitelli has no objection and felt this is something the Commission should be made aware of.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to allow Director Piscitelli to waive the line that says that you have to be a Milford resident or a Milford non-profit for this signage for this one time. Commissioner Frank Giustino seconds **Motion**. Chairman Worroll concurs that in some way this also affects Milford residents. **Motion** unanimously carried.

Miscellaneous item that came up today - A Milford resident wants to have her wedding ceremony by a JP on Walnut Beach on Saturday, July 7. No food or alcohol will be served; however, the issue of renting chairs and placing them on the beach for the elderly who will be attending the ceremony came up. Discussion determined that it is no different than placing a carry-in chair or renting and placing a chair on the beach. It should be understood that it is first come, first serve and that the beach area is not exclusive for her. Chairman Worrell stated that she should be advised that parking stickers will be checked and that it cost about \$5 to park vehicles.

Further discussion followed about possibly permitting exclusive use (conformity to regulations to prevail) for the use of a particular area on the beach and on the pier (areas to be determined), and consideration for this matter will be discussed at a future date.

VII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.
Commissioner Frank Giustino seconds **Motion**. **Motion** unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **May 2, 2012** in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Mossorofo
Secretary